

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-14, 17, 20, 23-25, 37-44, 54, 57-62, 99, 104 and 111 are pending in this application. Claims 37, 57 and 99 have been amended. Claims 2, 17, 37, 57, 99, 104 and 111 are independent.

The Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment deemed the Amendment filed on April 27, 2006, to be non-responsive because claim 57, which had been placed into independent form incorporating all the features of predecessor claims 55 and 56, omitted the language "from an amount of ink consumption used by said print head" that was previously presented in claim 55. Claim 57 has been revised to attend to this point. The inadvertent omission of this language is regretted.

In the course of preparing this paper, the undersigned determined that changes previously made by the Examiner to claims 35, 55 and 98 in the Examiner's Amendment which accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated May 17, 2004, were not reflected in the claims as presented in the April 27 Amendment.

Accordingly, claims 37, 57 and 99, which respectively incorporate the subject matter of claims 35, 55 and 98, have been revised to include those changes. Those changes are not believed to alter the allowability of the claims, and any inconvenience caused by this inadvertent omission is regretted.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this paper, taken together with the Amendment filed on April 27, 2006, constitutes a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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Accordingly, prompt and favorable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due in connection with the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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